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MP3 Explorer 2.4

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1. Licensing

This software has been deposed and is protected by copyright laws and international copyright treaties, as well as other intellectual property laws and treaties.

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http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pierre_levy/register.htm

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3. Change log

- 2.4 - New export system. You can use a default export format or define our own export format using Export Definition Files. Two EDF samples are delivered now with the software. New options let you define a default export filename or choose it with a standard dialog box
 - Ability to delete physically files
 - New context menu on the treeview, that lets you play, enqueue or export all files of right pane
- 2.3 - Renaming features that let you define formats based on ID3 tags, manage case control or spaces replacement, rename all your files in one click. Predefined formats are to be used for renaming multiple files selection, and should be defined in the Options window.
 - Some options are to easily rename files coming from UNIX or that should go to it.
 - New album sublevel in the Artist view mode.
 - Toolbar modified (Only one button now to change list items view, that should be enough !)
 - Selection preserved on the treeview and the listview,
 - Few bugs fixed and other little things.
- 2.2 - New cache system. MP3 Explorer will create a cache file named "mp3cache.mex" in each scanned address. When searching files, the program will begin to search the cache file, and if found it will load information from it instead of scanning all directories. When data are modified, in one subdirectory of the address, you can force MP3 Explorer to rebuild the cache file with F5 key. This cache file could be copied on a CD. You can now read the catalog of an 640 MB MP3 CD in 2 or 3 seconds (that should change your life !). Further more, it's also working with 'My favorite addresses'. You only need to create one file for each address by scanning them individually.

NB : the option *Use cache file* is not saved if not registered, so it must be checked at each startup to evaluate the software.

 - New option that enable to minimize to system tray.
 - This new glamorous readme format.
 - Few little bugs, of course !
- 2.1 Two new advanced options :
 - 1 - You can now define the correct shell command to use with your player. Default values are defined for Winamp, and works with Sonique or K-Jofol, but they can be changed for NAD or Soritong.
 - 2 - A maximum of row displayed. If you had tried to display more than 1400 files, the program crashed (due to a limit of the listview control). So the default value is 1000. If you want to speed up the startup you can decrease this value. Whatever, you can continue to encode, or download with no fear !
 - 2 or 3 tiny bugs.
- 2.0.2 - Great sorting improvement that couldn't wait for 2.1. (VC++ profiler does a good job, to find my bad job !).
 - A bug in ID3 tag saving introduced in 2.0.1 has been quickly fixed.
- 2.0.1 - I could not understand the problem that appeared on some configuration at startup, so no more use of the registry, back to a good old INI file located in Windows directory.
 - Better exception handling.
 - Tab order modified in property box.
 - Enqueue improvement with multiple selection files.
 - and other tiny bugs fixed.
- 2.0 - Display now MPEG information :
 - time, bitrate, sample frequency, MPEG version, layer number
 - New options for managing columns display (show/hide, order, alignment)
 - New menu command and toolbar button to display all information or a predefined set of columns (related to options above).

- New organization by Album/Artist (new toolbar button too)
- Multiple drives scanning can be handled now with a new variable called 'My favorite addresses'. You can search all paths defined in this variable by typing * in the address bar.
- Secondary sorting (the previous sort order) is now saved.
- Registration management.
- Many user interface enhancements : credits review, icons, status bar, ...
- Many code optimization. The previous version was quite fast, the new one goes really faster.
- New command Select All (Ctrl+A) to select all files.

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- 1.5**
 - Enter and Tab keys are now handled
 - New list options are available to :
 - define the Enter and Double-Click action
 - select item from any column of the row
 - left justify or center columns text
 - Redraw and sorting have been optimized
 - The sorted column is now saved between two sessions
- 1.4.1**
 - Copy feature includes now the PC/DOS new line for standard text editor.
 - All WinAmp genres are now supported and some mismatch in old genres have also been fixed. (Some changes may occur in your categories ! Sorry about that)
 - Window's last position is now saved
- 1.4**
 - New Copy feature. Be aware, this function copy only informations in text format and not files themselves. You can now copy file informations into Word, Excel or whatever.
 - If your MP3 files are write-protected, you've got now a message box to indicate you that the operation failed.
 - Directories color changed (yellow was no such good idea)
- 1.3**
 - User options are now preserved between two sessions : View (Artist/Genre)
 - The five last address are saved between two sessions
 - Columns sorting order is now ascendant or descendant (Wow!)
 - Shell command problems are now reported by message boxes.
 - Few status bar enhancements
 - Directories are now represented by a folder icon (What for ? ...to put some yellow!)
 - This release has been compiled with the last C++ Service Pack from Microsoft - This may correct some rare and odd problems.
- 1.2**
 - Titles sorting by columns now available
 - Multiple selection works now with other players that WinAMP (but not Enqueue).
 - New Status bar
- 1.1.1**
 - A bug due to new winamp2's genre was fixed.
- 1.1**
 - New Address bar
 - New Toolbar with hot/cold buttons
- 1.0**
 - First release

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4. Known issues

- !!! New !!! MP3 files encoded by latest versions of the Xing encoder with the VBR (Variable Bit Rate) are displayed with a wrong bitrate and also a wrong time.

- !!! Important !!! On some platform, the address bar does not appear and the wonderful animate icon is on the left side of the window. It's a known problem reported by Microsoft due to an outdated version of the comctl32.dll. The version of this DLL should be 4.71 or upper.

To get an updated version go to :

<http://support.microsoft.com/download/support/mslfiles/Com32upd.exe>

- Because players remove the ID3 tag during the play, information concerning the currently playing tune at scan time, is wrong.

- The command Enqueue works only with player that support the feature

at the shell level. With some player as Sonique for example the Play command do the same as Enqueue if you select the 'Append to playlist' option.

- (With 2.0.0 and older releases)

On some platform in very rare cases, the program is crashing (Visual C++ runtime Error - abnormal program termination) at load time. Deleting all MP3 Explorer entries in the registry works in most cases.

Entries are located at : HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Bepo Softs

Using regedit.exe, you can remove the entire 'Bepo Softs' directory, but don't touch anything else in the registry !!

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5. Updates

All updated releases can be downloaded at :

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pierre_levy/

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6. FAQ

Q1. MP3 files don't play when I select the Play or Enqueue menu items in MP3 Explorer. What is wrong?

A1. Because MP3 Explorer is not an MP3 player, it sends either:

- a single MP3 filename with a .MP3 extension or
- a file (playlist) containing a list of MP3 filenames with a .M3U extension to an MP3 player application.

The MP3 files are sent to the player using the Shell commands:

- 'Play' or
- 'Enqueue' (Note: Some players don't support 'Enqueue' eg: Sonique or Nad)

If your player uses a different shell command such as 'Open' then your player will not receive a message from MP3 Explorer because MP3 Explorer will not recognize that there is a .MP3 or .M3U file associated with your player.

Q2. Problem with multiple selections play.

A2. Multiple selections are handle with a temporary playlist file named '~\playlist.m3u' in the TEMP directory. Verify 'm3u' is correctly associated to your player in the Shell.

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7. Create a link to MP3 Explorer homepage

That's a great idea I will really appreciate !

To link to MP3 Explorer homepage, insert the following code in your page :

- for a 83 x 31 banner

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<A HREF="http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pierre_levy/">
<IMG SRC="http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pierre_levy/explorer.gif"
WIDTH="83" HEIGHT="31" BORDER=0 >
</A>
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- for 32 x 32 icon

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<A HREF="http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pierre_levy/">  
<IMG SRC="http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pierre_levy/logo32.gif"  
WIDTH="32" HEIGHT="32" BORDER=0 >  
</A>
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8. Uninstall

To remove completely MP3 Explorer from your system, you should delete the following files :

- MP3 Explorer.exe
- readme.htm
- regform.htm
- *.edf

from where they had been extracted and in the Windows directory the file :

- MP3 Explorer.ini

Since v2.0.1, no information is saved in the registry base, so only deleting files will leave your system totally clean.

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